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Basic Fee						\$	750.00
Total Claims	4	-	20	=	0 x 18	= \$	0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0 x 84	= \$	0.00
Total Filing Fee						\$	750.00

3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-11 before calculating the Filing Fee.
A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/083,360, filed February 27, 2002.--.

7. Formal drawings are enclosed, eleven (11) sheets, Figs. 1-11.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of Japanese patent application No. 2001-259119 filed August 29, 2001 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application, as originally filed on February 27, 2002.



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